

nor is it a credible tactic. The American people deserve more than a dismissal of Professor Ford's charges. They deserve to know the truth.

Mr. Speaker, let us take time to uncover the truth. I gave this same exact speech on October 8, 1991. The only difference was the substitution of Clarence Thomas' name for Brett Kavanaugh's and Anita Hill's for Christine Blasey Ford's.

Republicans attempted to censure me for that speech. History is repeating itself before our eyes, and women are once again being ignored instead of being believed.

We must do better than that in the United States of America and in the United States Congress.

URGING THE SENATE TO CONFIRM JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH

(Mr. BYRNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the Senate to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh has a clear record as a thoughtful jurist who respects and will defend our Constitution. Those who have worked with him over the years and know him best strongly defend his record as a good man who loves his family and our country.

I am ashamed we find ourselves where we are today. It is shameful the way that Judge Kavanaugh has had his name smeared, just as it is shameful that Dr. Ford has been used as a pawn in a political game. Frankly, my heart hurts for both of them.

Our government is only as good as the people who serve in it, and I am deeply concerned that this whole series of events will encourage fewer good men and women to take up the call of government service.

Mr. Speaker, this circus must end. The Senate should vote on Judge Kavanaugh, approve him to serve on the Supreme Court, and allow our great country to move forward.

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THE RULE OF LAW AND THE CONSTITUTION MUST PREVAIL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, first, I would like to join my friend from Texas, as the author of the Violence Against Women Act.

In 2018, I encouraged my colleagues to step up and pass this vital legislation that now protects all who have been abused in some way from sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, and, yes, domestic violence.

I am saddened that the House has not seen fit to join this bill that I have authored with over 35 national non-

partisan groups and, as well, with over 150-plus Members of the United States Congress. It is time now.

Finally, sitting in the United States Senate, listening to the hearings regarding Judge Kavanaugh and Dr. Ford, let me say that I hope our colleagues will yield not to politics but to the rule of law, adhere to the American Bar Association that says pause, to the Jesuits who have taken away their endorsement, and realize that we are not the important factor, but it was the weight of the Supreme Court that requires better.

Finally, I am delighted to note that we are moving forward on juvenile justice, as we have done today—legislation that I have authored—and that we are working on behalf of the people.

But again, Mr. Speaker, it is important in the United States Senate that the rule of law and the Constitution prevail. Advice and consent must be given with knowledge.

NATIONAL URBAN WILDLIFE REFUGE DAY

(Mr. WITTMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support my resolution, H. Res. 1088, a resolution recognizing this Saturday, September 29, as National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day.

Across the country, urban wildlife refuges are places for families to gather and enjoy the outdoors. Urban refuges are places where communities can come together to preserve nature, and places to inspire the next generation of hunters and anglers.

I encourage all generations, whether old or young, to go visit one of the 101 national urban wildlife refuges throughout the United States.

I thank Representative HAKEEM JEFFRIES for partnering with me on this legislation to help further emphasize the value of our Nation's urban wildlife refuges.

WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, signed into law on October 2, 1968.

This landmark conservation bill launched a movement. It helped us recognize and protect the free-flowing rivers with "outstandingly remarkable" characteristics.

In Rhode Island and Connecticut, we have just such waterways, including the branches of the Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers.

Just this week, in cooperation with Senator JACK REED, I introduced legislation to designate the 110 miles of this river system as a Wild and Scenic

River. After 3 years of intense study, the National Park Service has found it to have areas of pristine beauty, recreational importance, and untouched wilderness.

I applaud the work of Denise Poyer, the study coordinator at the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association, and all of those who have volunteered their time to protect this river.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Natural Resources Committee to complete this designation.

CONGRATULATING JIM PAXTON

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jim Paxton of the First District of Kentucky on his retirement from the Paducah Sun newspaper.

Within the first year of his career, he quickly rose through the ranks to serve as the Paducah Sun's editor and publisher. As he and his brothers joined the generations of Paxton family members who have led and managed Paxton Media Group, they began to expand their operations into local television broadcasting with WPSD-TV and radio broadcasts, eventually owning and managing more than 35 daily and weekly newspapers throughout the Southeastern United States.

The Paducah Sun's continued success is a testament to Jim's belief that local newspapers should focus on prominently featuring news from the community, while also striking the appropriate balance of State and national coverage.

Throughout his career, Jim Paxton has established an outstanding legacy as a revered public servant and titan of western Kentucky media. He is widely respected for his pursuit of meaningful, insightful journalism, and I am thankful for his friendship and guidance throughout the years.

As he begins the next phase of his life, I join with his family and friends, as well as those he has impacted during his career, to express our dedication and gratitude for his contributions to western Kentucky.

NATIONAL URBAN WILDLIFE REFUGE DAY

(Mr. JEFFRIES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H. Res. 1088, a resolution recognizing September 29 as National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day, authored by Representative WITTMAN.

Earlier this year, my bill, Keep America's Refuges Operational Act, became law. That bipartisan bill reauthorized a volunteer, community partnership, and education program for our National Wildlife Refuge System.

We believe in the importance of maintaining a system of wildlands throughout this great country. That is why I am proud to join my colleague, Representative WITTMAN, in sponsoring this resolution to recognize our Nation's 101 national urban wildlife refuges.

People visit refuges to experience America's natural beauty. They help to mold the next generation of conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts by providing learning experiences and cherished memories for America's families.

Refuges have a tremendous impact for communities all over America, even in my hometown of Brooklyn. We must remain vigilant in protecting the breathtaking wildlife and beautiful environment God has given America. Urban refuges are essential in achieving that goal.

HONORING COLONEL ALFRED ASCH

(Mr. MOOLENAAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the members of the Michigan delegation and the House of Representatives for their support and unanimous passage of my legislation earlier this month to rename the Beaverton Post Office in honor of the late Colonel Alfred Asch.

Alfred was born and raised in Beaverton, and, as a young boy, he was fascinated by aviation. In September of 1941, after graduating high school, he entered the Army Corps. He flew more than 70 missions over north Africa and Europe, earning numerous decorations, while documenting his experiences in letters to Naomi, his girlfriend and wife-to-be. He continued to serve in the Air Force until 1968, and he made contributions to military and civilian flight.

His work took him away from Michigan, but he always kept his hometown in his heart. He funded a scholarship at Central Michigan University for students from Gladwin County, and proceeds from his memoir helped fund the Beaverton Activity Center.

I am proud to have the support of Colonel Asch's family and his two sons, David and Peter, who have said their father's childhood in Beaverton helped him face life's early challenges before taking on the world.

Alfred Asch was a great American and a hometown hero for Beaverton, Michigan.

REMEMBERING LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, during this 115th session of Congress, the House lost one of its most passionate souls,

the late Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter.

She worked day in and day out with great passion and with great integrity. She understood that it was about trust that was placed into a Member of Congress by the people who have chosen you to be their voice here in Congress.

To Louise Slaughter it was important to make certain that government was transparent and accountable, so she drove the Stop Trading On Congressional Knowledge Act, which was dubbed the STOCK Act. I am so proud to have sponsored legislation today that has renamed, in her honor, the STOCK Act.

Louise Slaughter worked for transparency in this House. She knew that it was about making lives of the constituents that we represent all the stronger and all the fuller and not enriching our own lives by the trust placed in us.

It is an honor to rename the STOCK Act because of her hard work and because of her integrity.

HONORING LAGRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Mr. FERGUSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery of the LAGRANGE Fire Department.

In the early hours on the morning of Labor Day, the department received a call for a house fire. As firefighters battled the blaze, the flames were so hot that their fire hose melted in two.

Firefighters were trapped in the house. Luckily, everyone made it out. But six of those firefighters suffered severe burns and injuries: Pete Trujillo, Jordan Avera, Jonathan Williamson, Josh Williams, Jim Ormsby, and Sean Guerrero. All are on the mend, but they suffered very, very severe injuries.

These brave men and women put their lives on the line every single day to keep our loved ones safe in an emergency with no expectation of recognition for their heroism. But today, I would like us all to pause and think about the tough work that they do and the danger that they put their lives in. I would like us all to thank them and extend our deepest gratitude to these firefighters and all of those around the Nation.

TARIFF IMPACTS

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, recently, I spent time listening to farmers, large manufacturers, and leaders of smaller companies in my district express their frustrations on how tariffs are affecting their bottom line.

I visited a steel fabrication company, an architectural aluminum design company, and a brewery. Although

these companies vary in product, they all shared one common fear: wondering what would be their fate in the presence of these ill-advised tariffs.

I listened to farmers offer feedback on how they are affected. Agriculture is one of Missouri's top industries, bringing in about \$88 billion a year. Most farmers tell me that the recently announced USDA payments are helpful, but that, ultimately, in their words, "we want trade, not aid."

I met with local chambers of commerce and business councils, and, for those I didn't even have a chance to visit, I created a survey on my website. What I learned is this: These tariffs are deeply damaging to these businesses in ways that those who promoted them perhaps never even contemplated.

Hundreds of thousands of jobs may be in jeopardy because of these tariffs. For example, Harley-Davidson, a company that I was able to bring to Kansas City during my term as mayor, suddenly announced that they were closing the plant and moving overseas. They left nearly 1,000 workers unemployed overnight. Now, just imagine, if you multiply that around the country, what kind of instability has been created.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that this administration will recognize that these tariffs are unstable to the community and then move to end this trade war today.

ANGELS IN ADOPTION

(Mr. RUTHERFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian Kelly from Jacksonville, Florida, who has been named a 2018 Angels in Adoption honoree. This Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute award recognizes and honors outstanding individuals who have made contributions to the adoption community.

For more than 25 years, Brian Kelly has worked as an adoption attorney. Through his work at his law firm and at Jacksonville Legal Aid, Brian has touched, literally, thousands of lives promoting adoption in northeast Florida. He has also worked with the Florida bar to encourage the practice of adoption laws across the State.

In addition to his professional work, Brian has devoted his life to serving his community, whether it be serving his church or chairing the board of directors at Angelwood, a center in Jacksonville that provides services to people with developmental disabilities. Brian has dedicated countless hours in service to others.

I have had the opportunity to get to know Brian throughout his work, and I am pleased to honor him today on behalf of the many grateful families of northeast Florida. I commend Brian Kelly for this much-deserved honor of being named a 2018 Angels in Adoption honoree.